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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

Mr. Roger W. Jones
 Assistant Director for
 Legislative Reference
 Bureau of the Budget
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I refer to a memorandum of 21 February 1957 from your office, requesting the comments of this and other agencies on a draft bill. To improve legal services in the Executive Branch of the Government by establishing an Office of Legal Services within the Department of Justice, defining the functions thereof, creating a legal career service, and for other purposes.

If this legislation were to be made applicable to the Central Intelligence Agency, it would create a number of serious problems. As the Bureau is aware, this Agency is engaged in a number of types of activities which have required the establishment of unique administrative procedures and regulations.

As we interpret the draft bill establishing a legal career service, its application to this Agency would result in the imposition of conditions on employment, the evaluation of performance, etc., which would be inconsistent with the basic purpose of our legislation. I refer particularly to Sections 201(d) and 206(c) of the proposed bill. Our legal staff is necessarily involved in every aspect of Agency operations, and it would not be feasible to apply to members of this staff administrative procedures and regulations different from those applicable to other employees of the Agency. We believe that the present legislative and administrative arrangements, as they affect legal officers in this Agency, are entirely satisfactory to our purposes. Personnel in the Office of

the General Counsel are fully integrated with the rest of the Agency, and we have established a policy of attempting to utilize in that office, wherever possible, the services of legally trained employees who have had experience in other aspects of Agency operations.

Section 210 of the draft bill would appear to repeal or restrict present Agency authorities with regard to attorneys. For the foregoing reasons, and others which we would be prepared to discuss personally with appropriate members of the Staff of the Bureau of the Budget, we propose that the Central Intelligence Agency be exempted from the provisions of this draft bill.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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